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SUBJECT: JAPANESE URANIUM CONCESSIONS IN MALI

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1. THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BAMAKO MAY FIND USEFUL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH AN OFFICIAL OF THE GOJ FINANCED POWER REACTOR AND NUCLEAR FUEL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PNC) GAVE THE EMBASSY CONCERNING THE MALI URANIUM PROJECT DESCRIBED REFTEL.

2. IN 1974 THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI GRANTED PNC THREE YEAR LICENSES (WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS) TO EXPLORE FOR URANIUM, ONE IN THE 100,000 SQ. KILO-METER KIDAL AREA FROM 1974, AND THE SECOND IN THE 70,000 SQ. KILOMETER TESSALIT AREA FROM 1976. THE JAPANESE FY77 BUDGET (APRIL 1, 1977 THRU MARCH 31, 1978) PROVIDES DOLS2.9 -DOLS3.6 MILLION FOR THESE PROJECTS, OF WHICH TO DATE PNC HAS SPENT ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS. SOME PROMISING DEPOSITS CONTAINING 0.1 PERCENT URANIUM HAVE BEEN FOUND.

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3. FROM JUNE 17 TO JUNE 23, 1977, LAMINE KEITA, MALI MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, VISITED JAPAN AT PNC'S INVITATION, AND REQUESTED THE COOPERATION OF GOJ AND PRIVATE GROUPS IN THE URANIUM EXPLORATION PROJECTS. DURING HIS VISIT, HE PAID A COURTESY CALL ON DIRECTOR GENERAL UNO OF JAPAN'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

AGENCY--THE GOJ ARM RESPONSIBLE FOR ATOMIC POWER DEVELOPMENT.

4. PNC PLANS TO STEP UP ITS EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN MALI BEGINNING THIS OCTOBER, AIMED AT DETERMINING THE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. THE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE DRILLINGS AT 100 SITES, AND AVERAGING 100 METERS DEEP.

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